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MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED FOR MANCHESTER BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Kenneth W. Kaiser, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Boston Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, announce that Reinaldo Ortiz, age 26, of Boston, Massachusetts was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in connection with the robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire branch located on Beech Street in Manchester, NH, on March 6, 2002.

During a hearing before U. S. District Court Chief Judge Stephen J. McAuliffe, Ortiz was sentenced to a term of 63 months in prison, consecutive to a term of imprisonment Ortiz is now serving in Massachusetts. He was also placed on probation for three years upon his release from custody and ordered to pay restitution to the bank. Ortiz previously admitted his guilt to the robbery during a plea proceeding in August, 2005. Ortiz was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of Bank Robbery in January, 2005, after a lengthy investigation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated; "New Hampshire is fortunate to have experienced federal and local law enforcement agents who are dedicated, as this office is, to investigate and prosecute any person who engages in robbery and they will be held accountable for their actions."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Manchester Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.